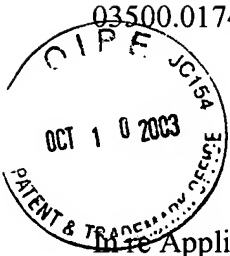


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149669 is discussed beginning at page 2, line 26 in the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,851,960 is identified by Applicants as corresponding to Japanese Patent Document No. 63-149669.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 57-178267 and 58-40566 are discussed beginning at page 1, line 24 in the specification, as amended on even date.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 51-66834, 57-207258, and 4-226469 are discussed beginning at page 5, line 7 in the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,472,491 is identified as corresponding to Japanese Patent Document No. 57-207258. U.S. Patent No. 5,391,449 is identified as corresponding to Japanese Patent Document 4-226469.

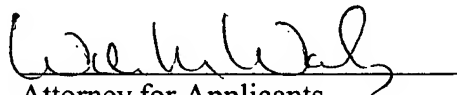
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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